

# Cybersecurity Graduate Certificate Rules

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The certificate program requires:

1. Application into the program
2. Courses completed
3. Application for certificate award
4. Actual certificate award

## Application into the Certificate Program

1. Students must first apply into the certificate program and be accepted before applying for the actual certificate award.
2. Applicants for the certificate program must be current UMSL graduate students (degree or non-degree seeking) or they must apply into the graduate school simultaneously with application into the certificate program.
3. The certificate program application will not have tracks to choose from but an applicant student can specify the desired track in the comment box. Based on the desired track, the student will have a different director.
4. Students can apply into the certificate program starting FS2016, but they can take courses starting FS2015.

## Courses in the Certificate Program

5. The required (core) courses for the certificate passed in FS2015 or after are automatically approved for the certificate. Electives, course substitutions, and older courses must be approved by the program director.
6. Courses used for the certificate cannot be older than 3 years when the certificate is awarded.
7. At least one course counted for the certificate must be taken in or after the semester in which the student is admitted into the certificate program.
8. A maximum of two 4000-level courses can be used for the certificate.
9. A minimum of four courses for the certificate must be completed at UMSL.

## Certificate Awards

10. Students must be enrolled in the certificate program when applying for the certificate award.
11. The certificates are awarded using the same mechanism as degrees. Students apply for the certificate award using the [G10 form](#) available at the Graduate School web site in spring, summer, or fall semester, while meeting the [application deadlines](#). The certificate is awarded during commencement for the semester.
12. Certificates are governed by the same rules as graduate degrees – at the time of the award the GPA of courses in the certificate, and the overall GPA must be at least 3.0.
13. Per graduate school requirements, a student must be registered for at least one course in the semester in which the student applies for the certificate award.
14. When awarded, a student will have the certificate added to the transcript. The student will also receive a separate certificate document in the mail.
15. A student can apply for the certificate award starting in FS2016.

16. If a student has the undergraduate cybersecurity certificate, the student cannot use any of the same courses for the graduate certificate.